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Media Advisory

Department of Homeland Security to Award Western Oregon University \$842K for Preparedness Training

Mencer to present Competitive Training Grant award

Monmouth - The Honorable C. Suzanne Mencer, Director of Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP), will present Western Oregon University with an \$842K grant for preparedness training for various community groups.

The Competitive Training Grants Program provides funding for training initiatives to further the Department's mission of preparing the nation in the event of a terrorist incident. Western Oregon University completed a rigorous application process for this grant—over 217 applications were received and the Department selected 14 programs for funding, totaling \$33,645,997 to be awarded.

Western Oregon University will use the funds to develop and deliver training specifically on preparedness, deterrence, and recovery. The training will be delivered via multi-disciplinary teams, consisting of law enforcement and emergency management personnel, who will train trainers in the community on citizens' role in preparedness and recovery. The trainers will also work with the community to develop preparedness action plans.

WHAT: Department of Homeland Security Competitive Training Grants Program award presentation

WHO: The Honorable C. Suzanne Mencer, Director of Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP)

WHEN: Thursday, September 16, 2004
3:30pm

WHERE: Western Oregon University
345 North Monmouth Ave.
Hamersly Library, Room 107
Monmouth, OR 97361

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